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# Majesties Resolution

For the Calling of a

## FREE PARLIAMENT,

Upon the Humble Motion, and Advice of  
a Great Council of his Peers.

**H**IS Majesty was Graciously pleased, upon *Tuesday, Nov. 27. 1688.* to advise with a Council of his Peers, about the present Unhappy State of his Affairs, where they attended his Royal Pleasure according to a Summons unto them directed. There were present, twenty five Protestant Temporal Lords, and nine Lords Spiritual, being the whole number that were within distance of appearing according to the time of Summons. His Majesty was pleased to express himself with great Clearness and Respect upon the Subject of that Meeting, requiring their Lordships to deliver their Judgments with all Freedom upon the Matter in hand, wherein they acquitted themselves accordingly upon the several Points that they had in Debate; and upon a full Consideration of the whole Affair, their Lordships came to this Resolution, (without so much as one Negative) that they saw no way of Redress, considering the Grievances and Distempers of the People, and the present Circumstances of his Majesties Condition, but by the speedy calling of a Free Parliament, which their Lordships with one voice humbly besought the King to do: Whereupon his Majesty was pleased to Declare to their Lordships, to this Effect; that their Advice was according to his own Inclinations, but it being a Matter of so great an Importance, he would take time til the next day to consider of it. And upon the day following, his Majesty was pleased to Order the Issuing out of Writs for the calling of a Free Parliament.

There were present, His Grace the Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, and His Grace of *Tork* in Nomination, with seven Prelates more.

The Right Honourable the Lord *Chancellour*, the Marquis of *Hallifax*, the Earls of *Oxford*, *Pembroke*, *Clarendon*, *Anglesey*, *Carlisle*, *Craven*, *Aylesbury*, *Burlington*, *Yarmouth*, *Berkley*, *Nottingham*, *Rochester*, Vicount *Falconberg*, Vicount *Newport*, Vicount *Weymouth*. The Lords, *Chandois*, *Paget*, *Vaughan*, *Montague* of *Boughton*, *Maynard*, *Howard* of *Esrick*, *Offulston*, *Godolphin*.